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Rep. Bella Abzug has introduced H.R. 12039. This bill would require every agency to inform each person who was a subject of any electronic or mail surveillance and any person who was a subject of a file or who was named in an index in connection with CHAOS. This bill is pending before Abzug's Subcommittee and she is intending to hold hearings in two weeks. We would like to submit a report at the earliest possible date. We would like you to prepare a short statement for inclusion in our report on the following points: (a) the administrative burden that this would require; (b) the sheer impossibility of the requirement. We would like your comments by COB today.

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Security's response speaks the impossibility etc. and reflects my views.

SUBJECT: Yesterday Bella Abzug introduced H.R. 12039, a bill amending the Privacy Act, which would:

(1) Require every agency to inform each person who was---

(a) the subject of any electronic or mail surveillance or surreptitious entry undertaken without a warrant or consent;

(b) the subject of a file or named in an index in connection with CHAQS; and

(c) the subject of a file or named in an index in connection with COINTELPRO.

(2) Eliminate the CIA exemption.